



Sovereign Grace Church

January 14th, 2023

We gather together
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

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(Lamentations 3:22-23)

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It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed: because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is Thy faithfulness. The LORD is my portion: saith my soul: therefore will I hope in Him. The LORD is good unto them that wait for Him: to the soul that seeketh Him. It is good that a man, should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD. For the LORD will not cast off for ever; but though He cause grief, yet will He have compassion according to the *multitude* of His mercies. For He doth not afflict willingly: nor grieve the children of men. Out of the mouth of the Most High proceedeth not evil and good? Wherefore doth a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins? Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD.

— Lamentations 3

Welcome

SINNERS are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect church, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's *undeserved* grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name Jesus for He shall (not might, not maybe) rather He shall save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it! You are *complete in Him*, saved to the *uttermost* [Colossians 2:10, Hebrews 7:25].

Announcements

Sovereign Grace Church, New Caney / Grace Conference

Elio Chay, Pastor of Seguidores de Cristo,
Dzidzantun, Mexico

Friday, February 23rd @ 7:30 pm,
Saturday, February 24th @ 11 am,
Sunday, February 25th @ 11 am

Resources

VISIT our website for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

Grace Articles

A poor beggar's prayer for mercy

“... *God be merciful to me a sinner...*” (Luke 18:13)

MOST gracious God! a poor beggar of the earth, well known unto Thee, both by reason of Thy mercy, and long-bestowed mercies upon him; and his ungrateful and unworthy returns, in disobedience and sin, still venturing to rely on Thy clemency, knocks once more at Thy mercy gate.

Will the Lord receive me at His footstool, vile and unworthy as I am? And with the first opening of the day, will He mercifully open my heart to all suitable and seasonable impressions of grace; that I may offer the first fruits of my lips, for the light of the new day, to which Thy mercy has brought me, and seek new pardons for all my renewed transgressions, in the blood of the Lamb?

Truly may I say, O Lord, with the church of old, “It is of the LORD’S mercies that I am not consumed. Because Thy compassions fail not, they are new every morning. Great is Thy faithfulness.” That I am alive this day; that I am preserved through another night’s dangers, and all the perils to which I have been exposed, in the defenceless state of sleep; that I am brought not only to the light of a new morning, but to the morning of another precious [day—with Thee (Matthew 28:20)]; that a throne of grace is still open for such a sinner as I am, to flee unto; and that my Almighty Advocate and Propitiation, is still living, and ever liveth, to make intercession for sinners; these are among the numberless unmerited mercies of my God. — Robert Hawker

Thank God, Jesus Christ is faithful!

“*This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope.*” (Lamentations 3:21)

LAMENTATIONS 3, verse 21 says, “*This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is of the LORD’S mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassion’s fail not. They are new every morning. Great is Thy faithfulness.*” Our Lord is faithful in mercy and compassion. Do you need mercy from Him? Does anybody need mercy? All sin that we commit is against Him. All sin is against Him. David said against Thee and Thee only have I sinned. Well David, I thought you sinned against your *Bathsheba* and I thought you sinned against *Uriah*? he said against *Thee*. I’ve sinned against *you* [O LORD]. I’ve done this evil in *your* sight. [Beloved,] we sin against God. All of our sin is against God. And [yet,] the next morning, do you know what we wake up to every time? Mercy. Every time. Isn’t that amazing? We wake up to compassion in mercy, every morning. He starts it over brand new every single morning because He’s faithful. He said, “I will be merciful and I will show compassion” [Romans 9:15, Hebrews 8:12, 10:17]. And He’s faithful. Great is His faithfulness. Thank God for all of His faithfulness that He’s shown to us in the *person* of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Thank God for the faithfulness of Christ in 2023. If God tarries, if tomorrow comes, God will be faithful to us in 2024. And we will thank Him for it in 2024. That’s the greatest news I know to tell today. Thank God Jesus Christ is faithful. He’s faithful [*He shall save His people from their sins*]. Amen. — Gabe Stalnaker

He Hath Clothed Me!

“...my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He hath clothed me ...”

WE are brought to the commencement of another year. Let us pause, and ask ourselves a few solemn questions, in the fear of the Lord. How much of our past time, even since we knew the Lord, have we spent in the neglect of our best interest?

What a great portion of our time every day has been taken up in our worldly concerns, saying nothing of the time we sleep in our beds! and, what is still worse, how much of the precious time we have had has been spent in fretting and fuming against God, because He has destroyed our gourds, or has not acted just as we thought right! With what carelessness and indifference have we addressed His glorious Majesty in our prayers and songs of praise? Nay, have we not often neglected calling upon Him at all? and at times, though we have assembled with His family, whilst His holy word has been preached, have not our hearts been in the world, so that we knew not what we heard, or, at least, had no feeling sense of its glory? What unhallowed thoughts have we given vent to, and peevishly rebelled against our best Friend? Have we not great reason to say, “O LORD our God, our iniquities testify against us, for our backslidings are many?” [Jeremiah 14:7]. And yet, beloved, here we are, the monuments of God’s grace. O the wonders of sovereign, immutable love! *“It is of the LORD’S mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning. Great is Thy faithfulness”* (Lamentations 3:22, 23).

Well, and after all our insulting speeches and ways against God, is He still our God and portion? Yes, beloved, our God still; and faith may in very deed, under the sweet unction of God the Holy Ghost, push through all this vile crowd of evils, and blessedly exclaim, “The LORD is my portion, saith my soul, therefore will I hope in Him. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.” [Jeremiah 3:24, Psalm 23:6].

If the blessed Spirit guide our hearts into the perfect love of God and the manifold mercies we have received at His hands, our troubles will be lost in a sea of unutterable love, and our joyful lips will express the feeling of our hearts in the sweet language of the Psalmist: *“Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name,”* etc.

If David were like us, we cannot wonder at him charging his soul not to forget all the Lord’s benefits. For often, when our glorious Lord is chastening us for our real profit, we mistake His design, and in our feelings insultingly say, *“Am I a sea, or a whale, that thou settest a watch over me?”* (Job 7:12.) Whereas, all His chastenings spring from immutable love [Hebrews 11:6]. God is jealous of His honour, and when our idolizing hearts wander from Him, He is determined to sicken us of ourselves and bring us back to Himself, and in the end set our affections on things above, sealing in our conscience this blessed truth, that the sure mercies of David are for ever sure.

Our frames and feelings may change, and our outward circumstances vary, but we have an unchanging God, whose love to, and care for His people is for ever the same. The goodness of the Lord should make us ashamed of our own ways, and lead us to real repentance. Bless His precious name, *“He redeemeth the soul of His servants, and none of them that trust in Him shall be desolate”* (Psalm 34:22). In the triumph of precious faith may we be enabled to say, *“I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He hath clothed me...”* (Isaiah 61:10). — William Gadsby